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SUBJECT: PRO-VENEZUELA DOUBTS UTILITY OF KISSINGER VISIT

1. PRO-VENEZUELA, A NATIONALISTIC PRIVATE ASSOCIATION WHICH INCLUDES MANY PROMINENT VENEZUELAN IN ITS MEMBERSHIP, RELEASED A STATEMENT QUESTIONING THE UTILITY OF SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S PLANNED VISIT TO VENEZUELA. PRO-VENEZUELA CITED THE FORD'S ADMINISTRATION'S PETROLEUM POLICY AND SIXTY YEARS OF VENEZUELAN EXCLUSION FROM WESTERN HEMISPHERE PETROLEUM PREFERENCES AS INDICATING THE ANTI-VENEZUELA ATTITUDE OF THE USG. SECRETARY KISSINGER IS SINGLED OUT AS THE SPOKESMAN FOR AN ADMINISTRATION WHICH, PRO-VENEZUELA CLAIMS, WANTS TO RETURN TO THE "BIG STICK" POLITICS OF AN EARLIER EPOCH.

2. THE ANTI-KISSINGER STATEMENT BY PRO-VENEZUELA IS ONE IN A SERIES OF STRONGLY NATIONALISTIC AND ANTI-AMERICAN STATEMENTS MADE BY THAT ORGANIZATION DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS (75 CARACAS 828 AND 854). THESE HAVE IN LARGE PART BEEN THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION'S PRESIDENT, REINALDO CERVINI, AND DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT THE MORE MODERATE ELEMENTS IN PRO-VENEZUELA.

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